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LETTER DATED 4 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter from His Excellency
Hassan A. Hassanov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic (see
annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of
the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar T. ALIYEV
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

[Original: Russian]

Letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani
Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council

As is known, in March 1993, the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia seized the adjacent Kelbadjar district of the Azerbaijani Republic.

On 30 April 1993, the United Nations Security Council adopted resolution 822 (1993), in which it demanded the "... withdrawal of all occupying forces from the Kelbadjar district and other recently occupied areas of Azerbaijan".

At the time, the international community was insufficiently informed about the real situation in the region, in particular about who in fact had occupied the territory of the Azerbaijani Republic. Accordingly, in its resolution 822 (1993), the Security Council requested the Secretary-General "... to assess the situation in the region, in particular in the Kelbadjar district of Azerbaijan, and to submit a further report to the Council".

In spite of the continuing efforts of the international community to find ways of achieving a peaceful settlement of the conflict, the Republic of Armenia is pursuing its annexationist policy with a view to stepping up its aggression against the Azerbaijani Republic by using Azerbaijani territories that it has already occupied as a springboard for further attacks.

On 22 January 1994, during a fierce battle between units of the Azerbaijani army and sub-units of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia that had invaded Azerbaijan from the Vardenis district of Armenia in order to strengthen a group of occupying forces in the Kelbadjar district, members of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia were captured and many documents that constitute incontrovertible proof of direct aggression by the Republic of Armenia were taken from them.

These documents include, in particular, service records of military personnel of the Republic of Armenia who took the military oath in the armed forces of Armenia, which were issued by military commissariats of various regions of the Republic of Armenia; identity cards of officers of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, issued by the Ministry of Defence of Armenia; military maps on which were written orders to seize Azerbaijani territories and which were signed by the chief of staff of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, including one map, dated 1993, with orders to seize the Kelbadjar district of Azerbaijan; requests from commanders of military units of the Republic of Armenia concerning the promotion of officers of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia who had taken an active part in combat operations in the territory of Azerbaijan.

The Permanent Representative of the Azerbaijani Republic to the United Nations has been instructed to circulate the aforementioned materials as official documents of the Security Council.

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I am convinced that these documents will make a substantial contribution to the accurate assessment of the actions of the Republic of Armenia and their qualification as aggression against the sovereign Azerbaijani Republic.

(Signed) H. HASSANOV
